

# LATEST NEWS EPITOMIZED

FROM TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS THAT COVER THE WEEK'S EVENTS.

## OF MOST INTEREST

KEEPING THE READER POSTED ON MOST IMPORTANT CURRENT TOPICS.

### WESTERN NEWS.

Mrs. George Collier, wife of a rancher at Occidental, near Santa Rosa, Cal., while inspecting a winery a few days since fell into a vat of wine and was drowned.

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### GENERAL NEWS.

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Japanese laborers employed on Hawaiian sugar plantations are agitating for an increase in wages.

Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, has endorsed the prediction that the canal will be completed in six years at a cost of \$225,000,000.

The whole island of Cuba has been influenced by a semi-cyclone wave which has been accompanied by torrential rains with floods at many places. Much damage has been done to crops.

Reports of railroads from all parts of the country indicate that the great falling off in business resulting from the panic of last fall is being rapidly overcome and that most of the roads are now showing an increase in business over that of last year.

The White Star line announces that it will build two new liners at Belfast, each of which will be nearly twice as large as the *Mountain*, the largest vessel now afloat. Big vessels on the water seem to keep pace with sky scrapers on the land.

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### PLAIN BUT SIMPLE LUNCHEON.

Simple, inexpensive dishes that are easily prepared.

It is often puzzling to know just how to plan a luncheon menu that shall at once be inexpensive, dainty, and easily prepared. Here is a suggestion:

**Tomato Butter**  
Boiled Salmon with Lemon Sauce  
Stewed Chicken  
Pork Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Salisbury Fruit Salad, Cream Cheese  
Cabinet Cream, Sugar Water  
Cafe au Lait

For the tomato butter put one-fourth of a pound of butter in a saucepan, and when it is melted add the contents of a can of tomatoes with a cupful of cooked rice, a cupful of white broth, and salt and pepper. Cook slowly for three-quarters of an hour, then remove from the fire, pour through a sieve, and cook again for ten minutes, when it is ready to serve. The boiled salmon may be served cold. The lemon butter sauce is made by adding the juice of a lemon to a plain butter sauce.

Candied sweet potatoes are made by placing rather thick slices of cold boiled sweet potatoes in a frying pan with a liberal supply of butter after rolling them well in sugar. Fry a deep brown.

Cabinet cream is a delicious dessert. Whip until stiff a pint of rich cream, and add a third of a box of gelatine dissolved in water. Dip a glass serving dish in cold water, then line it with currant jelly, and cover with a layer of grated macaroons and this in turn with a layer of whipped cream. Repeat the order until the dish is filled with the last layer of cream. Place a single rose in the center.

### TO CLEAN SATIN SLIPPERS.

Rubbing with stale bread is perhaps the best method.

If you wore satin slippers last winter and find upon taking them out this season that they are soiled it is well to clean them at once.

Never leave off the work of freshening and renovating parts things until the day you are invited to go out. One always has an unexpected invitation, and finds to her misery that all her party finery needs two or three days' work on it.

So get out your evening slippers now and see that they are thoroughly cleaned and ready for wear.

If the satin is but slightly soiled, get some pieces of stale bread and rub the surfaces gently with it. This takes off all small discolourations.

Kneaded rubber will do the same work, although some women do not like it because it crumbles off on the satin.

If the slipper is still soiled looking after this treatment rub the entire surface with the thread. Remember not to go against or cross it.

White Banado should be used—a clean piece dipped in spirits of wine. If this rubbing is done gently and evenly over the surface the effect is excellent.

### Making Butter Balls.

The reason so many women find it a trouble to make butter balls is that the butter is not of the right consistency and the paddles are not cold enough.

Butter should be soft enough to mold easily, but far removed from the melting stage. The paddles should be dipped into ice water, so they do not stick.

Serving butter in this form, besides being daintier, is a decided economy. In helping oneself, from a slice men and children are apt to do it too liberally, and a large part of it is wasted.

Keep the butter balls on the ice until just before serving.

### Ginger Cake.

Two cups of dark brown sugar, two eggs, one cup butter and lard mixed, one cup of sour milk with one teaspoonful soda, one teaspoonful each cinnamon, allspice and ginger, two and one-half cups flour with one teaspoonful baking powder. Bake slow.

### Hermits.

One and one-half cups of sugar, one-half cup butter, one-half cup sweet milk, two and one-half cups of flour, one cup of raisins, floured, one teaspoonful each of cloves, cinnamon and allspice, three eggs, and add last one and one-fourth teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little hot water, adding soda after balance is mixed. Have two large bread pans greased and floured and drop the hermits in, a teaspoonful for each, leaving one-half an inch space for them to spread. Bake in a hot oven.

### Grape Mousse.

Cook enough grapes so that when strained they will make one large coffee cup of pure juice. Stir this into a pint of very heavy cream. Add one tablespoonful of lemon juice and enough sugar to sweeten. Whip this with cream whipper until very thick and pour into mold. Pack in freezer, covering with salt and ice, letting it stand four or five hours. Replenish the ice if necessary. Turn out on platter to serve and sprinkle nuts over the inverted mold.

# PLAYING WITH FIRE

BY RAYMOND W. PULLMAN

STORY OF CHISHOLM, THE MINNESOTA TOWN THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAVED



RUINS OF CHISHOLM



THE FLAMES WHICH DESTROYED THESE BUILDINGS TURNED INTO ASHES.



WRECKS OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The people in the section around Chisholm, Minn., say that it is the driest year that they have ever known. The woods and the brush growth on cut-over land are as dry as kindling and fires can be seen in as many as a half dozen places at one time starting from what no one knows. The natives give various causes of how the flames start, the most popular of which are sparks from engines, hunters and campers, careless brush-burning, to homesteaders and incendiarists. One man even claimed the flames of spontaneous combustion and did not seem to like it when I told him that



Ruins of Chisholm Hotel—Getting Lines for New Building.

thought this was hardly the case. In many sections up here the ground is of peat bog formation and a spark may burn for weeks after it finds the organic material.

It is hard and practically impossible to figure losses accurately at this time, and it will be weeks before even an approximate estimate of that final can be made. Citizens will have to be sent over the burnt-over areas before close figures can be obtained and the timber owners say that it is absolutely useless to do anything in this line until a heavy rain comes and the end of the fire is assured.

Putting the losses low to be on the safe side, they are commonly agreed to be \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The majority of people say about \$5,000,000. This is considered a conservative estimate by those who have been over most of the ground. At five percent interest the amount of capital lost would yield \$250,000 a year. This is worth contrasting with what the state forestry board now has to spend for protection. It has an appropriation of \$11,500.

The burning of the prosperous little town of Chisholm on the Mesabi iron range is the item of loss which figures most prominently in conversations with all who have anything to say about the forest fire destruction to date. The people in this country are hard hit by the fire financially and some lost practically all they had. The same dauntless spirit that impelled large cities like Baltimore and San Francisco to arise from the ruins of fire and rebuild is in the people of little Chisholm and already there are about 50 new stores and dwellings nearly completed. When I saw the people going about their work in such a cheerful go-ahead way I was surprised, for one can hardly expect such quick action from a small town.